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SUBJECT:ECE AND ECLA PREPARATORY HABITAT MEETINGS:

INSTRUCTIONS ON ISSUE OF EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL AND SOUTH

AFRIC FROM 1976 VANCOUVER HABITAT CONFERENCE

1. FINAL REPORTS OF ESCAP/ECWA AND ECA REGIONAL PREPARA-

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TORY MEETINGS FOR HABITAT INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE

UNGA AND TO SYG OF VANCOUVER CONFERENCE, FOR THE EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA, AND RHODESIA FROM HABITAT CONFERENCE. THE US IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY MOVES WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE ANY UN MEMBER FROM UN ACTIVITIES. OUR GOAL FOR HABITAT IS TO SEE THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED AND THAT NO UN MEMBER IS EXCLUDED FROM VANCOUVER. ACTION BY 30TH GA TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM THIS CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON POSSIBILITY OF ISRAELI EXCLUSION FROM GA ITSELF. FYI. US DOES NOT RECOGNIZE RHODESIA AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE AND OPPOSED SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA ON CREDENTIALS ISSUE FROM 29TH GA. END FYI.

2. USUN REPORTS THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAS CONFIDENCE THAT CARACAS AND GENEVA MEETINGS WILL TAKE POSITIVE STANDS IN

FAVOR OF ALL MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN HABITAT. WALDHEIM SUGGESTED THAT TWO FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONS IN OPPOSITION TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TEHRAN AND CAIRO LIKELY TO ALLOW ISRAELI PARTICIPATION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT DESIRES BOTH CONFERENCES ADOPT SOME SORT OF POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION IN FAVOR OF PARTICIPATION BY ALL UN MEMBER STATES IN VANCOUVER HABITAT CONFERENCE IF U.S. DEL BELIEVES IT FEASIBLE AND MOVE WOULD NOT BACK FIRE. DEPARTMENT LEAVES TO DISCRETION OF DELEGATIONS BEST STEPS TO TAKE TO PROMOTE SUCH A POSITIVE STANCE, WHICH SHOULD BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH CANADIANS. IT MAY BE THAT ANOTHER DELEGATION WOULD HAVE GREATER SUPPORT IN PROPOSING RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTICIPATION OF ALL MEMBER STATES. IF GREATER SUPPORT LIKELY TO COME FROM U.S. EFFORT, USDEL AUTHORIZED TO SPONSOR SUCH A RESOLUTION, OR WHATEVER ACTION WOULD HAVE SAME END RESULT, SUCH AS INCLUSION OF APPROPRIATE REFERENCES IN FINAL REPORTS. REFERENCE IN OPENING STATEMENT TO DESIRABILITY OF CLEAR STAND OF OPPOSITION TO POSSIBILITY OF EXCLUSION OF ANY UN MEMBER MAY ALSO BE APPROPRIATE, BUT WE LEAVE THIS TO YOUR JUDGMENT.

4. RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR EXCLUSION FROM HABITAT IN ANY
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FORM ARE TO BE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED WITH CLOSE COORDINATION WITH LIKE-MINDED DELEGATIONS.

5. IN ALL CASES USDEL SHOULD SEEK OUT AND CONTINUE CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH HABITAT SYG PENALOSA. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSULTED WITH CANADIAN EMBOFF WHO REPORTS OTTAWA HAS INSTRUCTED CANADIAN DELEGATION TO SUPPORT ANY U.S. ACTION AND ASSIST U.S. IN ANY WAY. CANADIANS FEEL, HOWEVER, IT

NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO PROPOSE RESOLUTION ON ALL MEMBER PARTICIPATION AT VANCOUVER BECAUSE OF THEIR HOST ROLE. CANADIAN POSITION BASED ON 4 PRINCIPLES: (1) PARTICIPATION IS NOT REGIONAL ISSUE (2) INVITATIONS COME FROM GA AND CAN ONLY BE DEALT WITH BY GA (3) ALL UN MEMBERS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE (4) AND SINCE THIS IS TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ALL MEMBERS HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE.

6. FOR GENEVA: WE HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO EC-9 THROUGH DUBLIN FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE AT GENEVA, AND MEMBERS MAY BE WILLING TO ASSIST YOU.

7. USG VIEWS ACTION OF HABITAT PREPARATORY MEETINGS ON EXCLUSION ISSUE AS EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND REQUESTS FULL REPORTING ON ALL ASPECTS OF ISSUE. INGERSOLL

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